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FOR WHITE HOUSE PHIL WISE

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BANZER VISIT TO WASHINGTON

REF: (A) STATE 206475, (B) LA PAZ 6801, (C) STATE 205695,

1. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF PRESIDENT
BANZER'S LETTER DATED AUGUST 30 IN REPLY TO THAT OF
PRESIDENT CARTER:

QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE
THE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER DELIVERED TO ME YESTERDAY
BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN WHICH YOU INFORM ME THAT THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OVER WHICH YOU PRESIDE
HAS REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA
OVER THE NEW JURIDICAL REGIME OF THE CANAL.

I WELCOME WITH SPECIAL AND WITH DEEP SATISFACTION THE
ACHIEVEMENT OF SUCH AN IMPORTANT EVENT WITH WHICH I
WILL PERSONALLY ASSOCIATE MYSELF AND I AGREE WITH YOU
IN THAT IT REPRESENTS AN HISTORIC MOMENT FOR HEMISPHERE
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RELATIONS WHICH WILL PERMIT US TO LOOK TO THE FUTURE
ASSURED THAT, WITHIN THE SAME SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY,
JUSTICE AND MUTUAL RESPECT AS DEMONSTRATED IN THE
NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CANAL, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO
OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES OPPOSED TO TRULY HARMONIOUS
REGIONAL UNDERSTANDING.

ACCEPTING YOUR CORDIAL OFFER TO CONFER WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON, D.C. I WILL BE PLEASED ON THE OCCASION TO SET FORTH TO YOU MY IDEAS REGARDING THE PROBLEM OF BOLIVIA'S GEOGRAPHIC ENCIRCLEMENT, PROGRAMS OF COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT WITH EMPHASIS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL AREAS, THE PLACEMENT OF OUR RAW MATERIALS IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS AND BOLIVIA-U.S. TRADE AS WELL AS ON ALL THOSE OTHER ASPECTS WHICH YOU MAY SUGGEST AND WHICH ARE OF OUR COMMON INTERESTS.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND INVITATION AND AT THE SAME TIME IT IS MY PLEASURE TO RETURN THE AFFECTIONATE GREETINGS OF THE PEOPLE OF BOLIVIA TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TOGETHER WITH MY BEST WISHES FOR THE PERMANENT SUCCESS OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION. SINCERELY YOURS. HUGO BANZER SUAREZ, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOLIVIA. UNQUOTE

2. SPANISH TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: ESTIMADO SENOR PRESIDENT: TENGO EL HONOR DE AVISAR RECIBO DE SU ATENTA CARTA QUE AYER ME ENTREGO LA EMBAJADA AMERICANA, MEDIANTE LA CUAL SE DIGNA COMUNICARME QUE EL GOBIERNO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA, QUE USTED PRESIDE, HA ALCANZADO CON LA REPUBLICA DE PANAMA UN ACUERDO SOBRE EL NUEVO REGIMIENT JURIDICO
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DEL CANAL.

CELEBRO CON ESPECIAL Y PROFUNDA SATISFACCION EL LOGRO DE TAN IMPORTANTE ACONTECIMIENTO, AL QUE ME UNIRE PERSONALMENTE, Y COINCIDO CON USTED EN QUE EL MARCA UN MOMENTO HISTORICO PARA LAS RELACIONES HEMISFERICAS, QUE NOS PERMITIRA MIRAR HACIA EL FUTURO SEGUROS DE QUE BAJO EL MISMO ESPIRITU DE SOLIDARIDAD, JUSTICIA Y RESPETO MUTUO, DEMOSTRADO EN LAS NEGOCIACIONES SOBRE EL CANAL, SERA POSIBLE DESPEJAR TODOS LOS OBSTACULOS QUE SE OPOENEN A UNA CONVIVENCIA REGIONAL VERDADERAMENTE ARMONIOSA.

ATENDIENDO SU CORDIAL OFRECIMIENTO DE CONVERSAR CON USTED EN WASHINGTON, D.C., ME SERA GRATO EN TAL OPORTUNIDAD EXPONERLE MIS IDEAS ACERCA DEL PROBLEMA DEL ECLAUSTRAMIENTO GEOGRAFICO BOLIVIANO, DE LOS PROGRAMAS DE COOPERACION PARA EL DESARROLLO, CON ENFASIS EN EL DESENVOLVIMIENTO DE LAS AREAS RURALES, DE LAS COLOCACION DE NUESTRAS MATERIAS PRIMAS EN LOS MERCADOS INTERNACIONALES Y DEL INTERCAMBIO COMERCIAL BOLIVIANO-AMERICANO, ASI COMO SOBRE TODOS AQUELLOS OTROS ASPECTOS QUE USTED

PODRIA SUGERIR Y QUE SON DE NUESTRO COMUN INTERES.

AGRADEZCO SU GENTIL INVITACION, A LA VEZ QUE MES ES
GRATO RETRIBUIR LOS AFECTUOSOS SALUDOS DEL PUEBLO DE
BOLIVIA HACIA EL DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA, JUNTO
CON MIS MEJORES VOTOS POR EL PERMANENTE EXITO DE SU
GESTION DE GOBIERNO.

SINCERAMENTE SUYO,
GRAL. FZA. HUGO BANZER SUAREZ
PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA

3. SEPTELS FOLLOW WITH (A) DETAILS ON DELEGATION AND
TRAVEL (B) SPECIAL REQUEST OF PRESIDENT BANZER.

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